

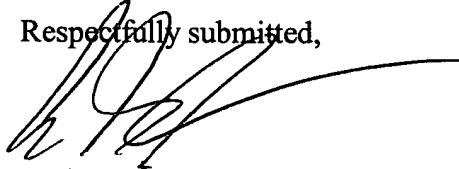
REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application, as presently filed, are respectfully requested.

In this preliminary amendment, applicants have canceled original Claims 1-4 and 9-16 herein since those claims are the subject matter of the parent application Serial No. 08/626,310, filed April 1, 1996 and divisional application U.S. Serial No. 09/318,867 filed May 26, 1999 and have amended the specification to include information regarding the parent application.

Wherefore, consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

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